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High volatile bituminous coal was extracted at room temperature by means of 18 solvents having their electron-donor /DN/ and -acceptor /AN/ properties quantitatively determined. Extracts were analysed by field ionization and high resolution mass spectrometry. Extractable compounds having molecular masses in 200-600 a.m.u. range constitute 30% ww. of coal organic material. Hydrocarbons /CnH2n-6 up to CnH2n-34/, nitrogen compounds /CHN, CHN2, CHN3/, oxxygen compounds /CHO, CHO2/ and nitrogen-oxygen compounds /CHNO, CHN2O, CHNO2O, CHN2O2, CHN3O/ were identified in the extracts. On the basis of extraction data /extract yields, solvent DN and AN numbers/ and MS analysis the conclusion has been drawn that extractable compounds are bonded to coal macromolecular network by electron-donor-acceptor bonds. These bonds are destroyed during extraction by substitution activity of solvents. Solvent substitution capabilities depend on their donor and acceptor numbers.